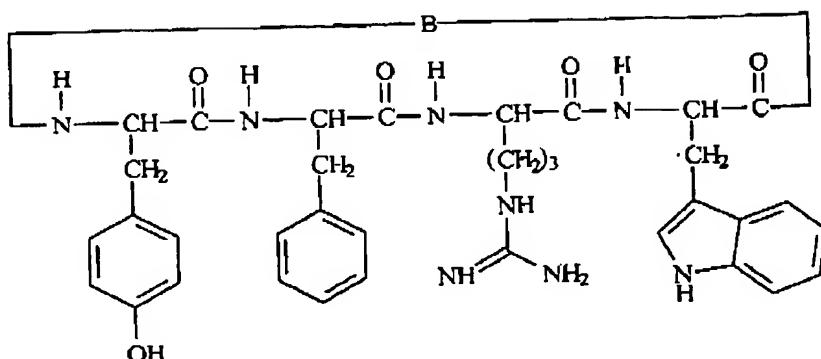


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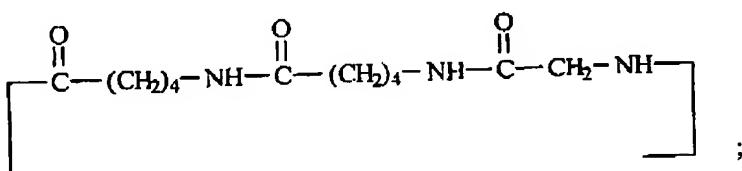
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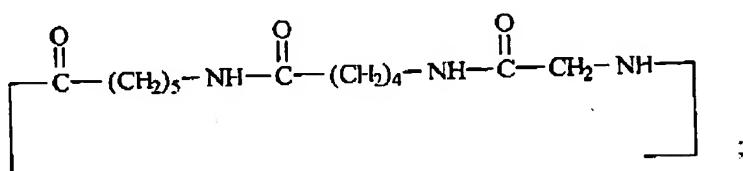


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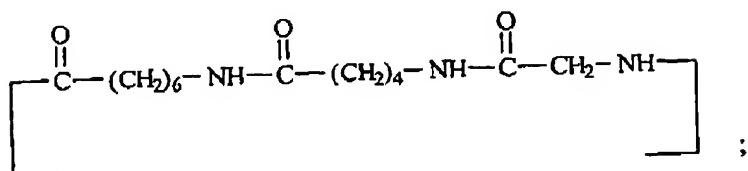
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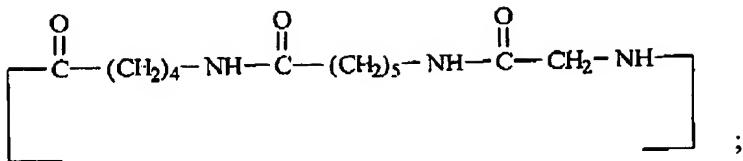


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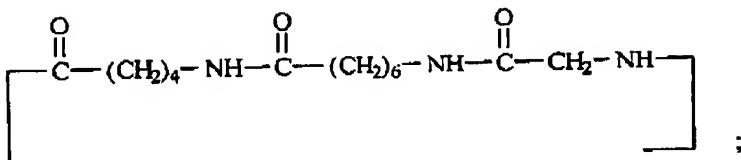


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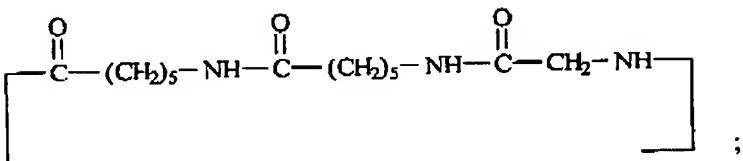
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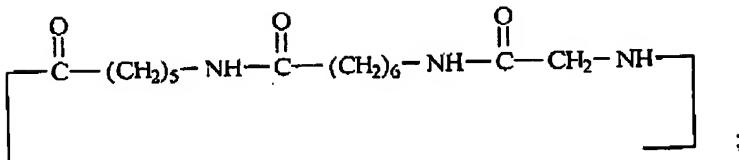
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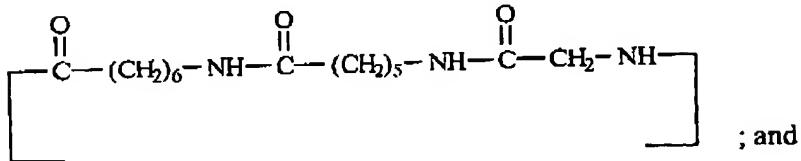
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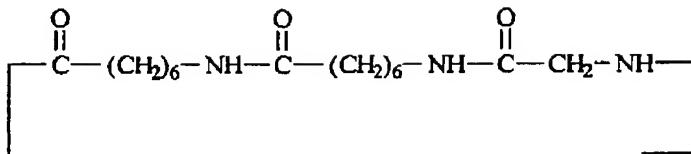


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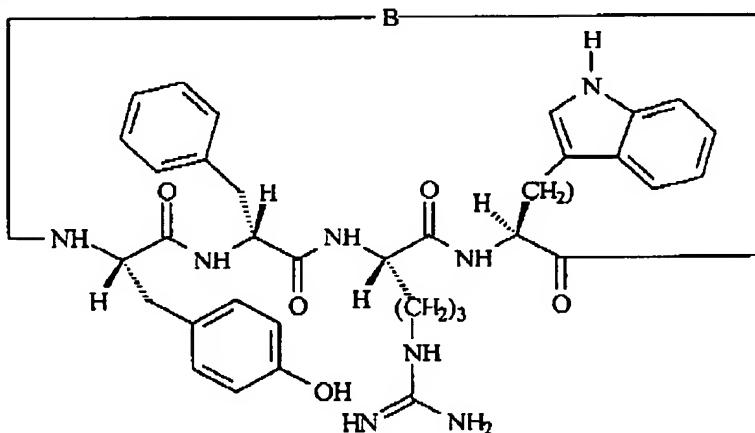


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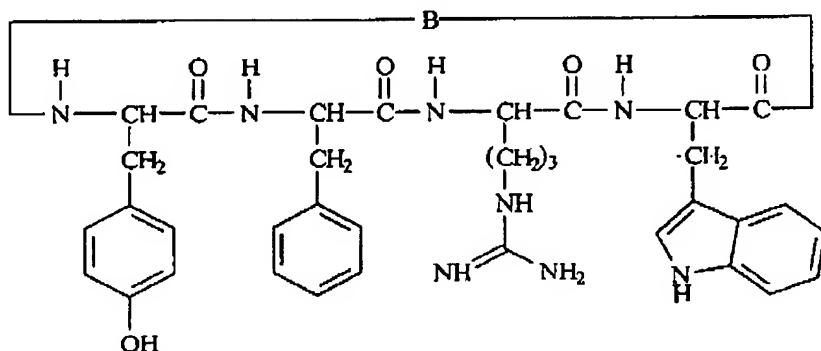
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2. (Previously Presented) A compound according to Claim 1 having the following stereochemical formula:



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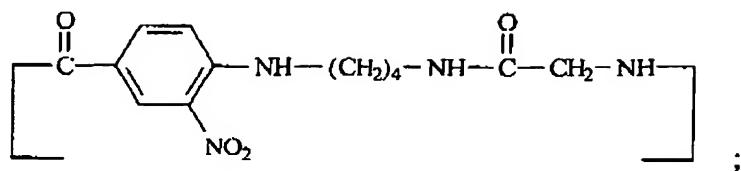


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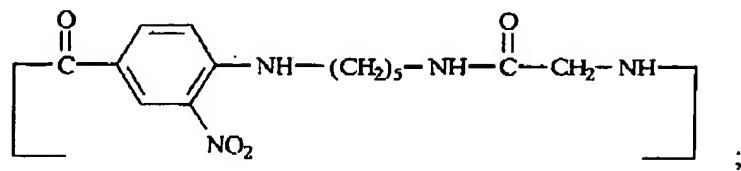
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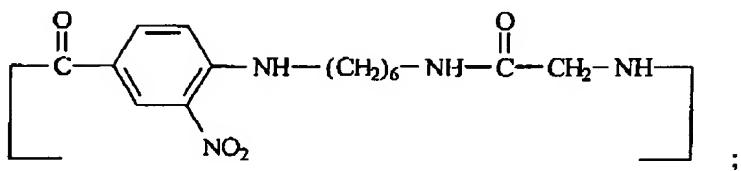
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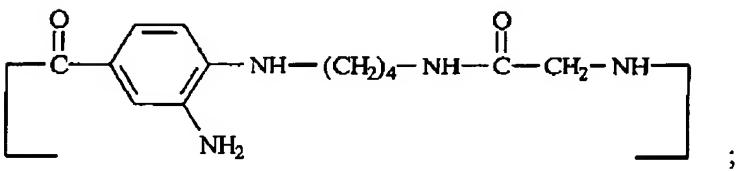
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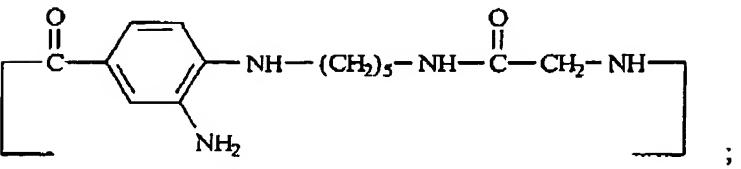
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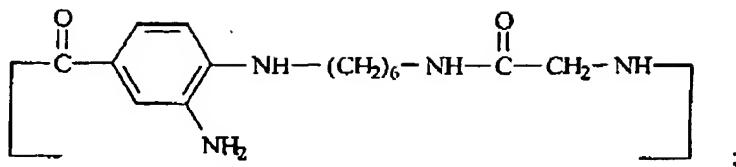


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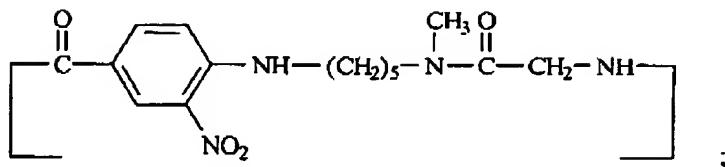


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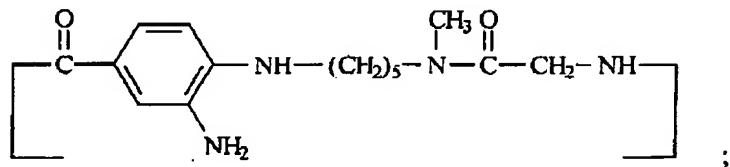
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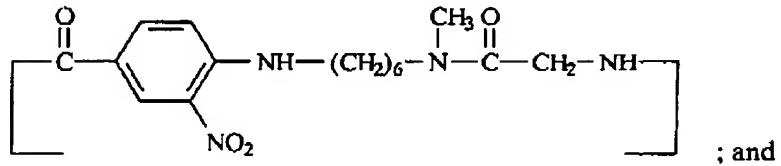
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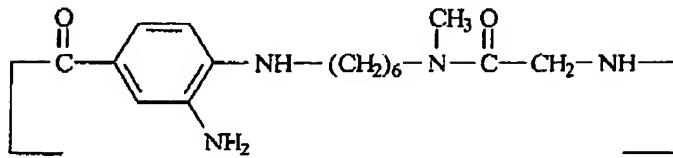
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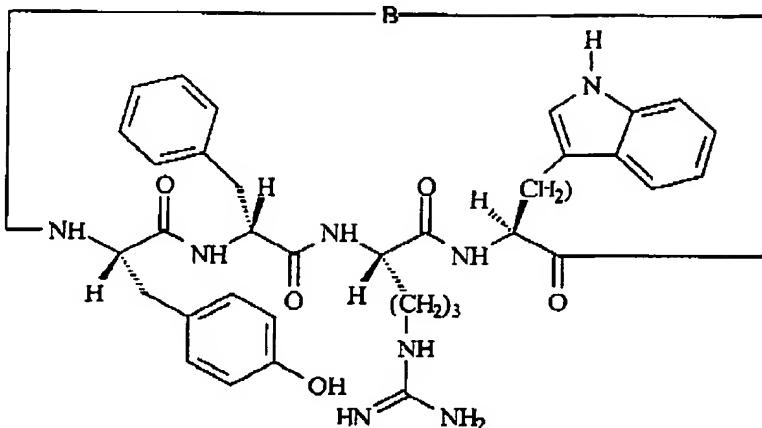


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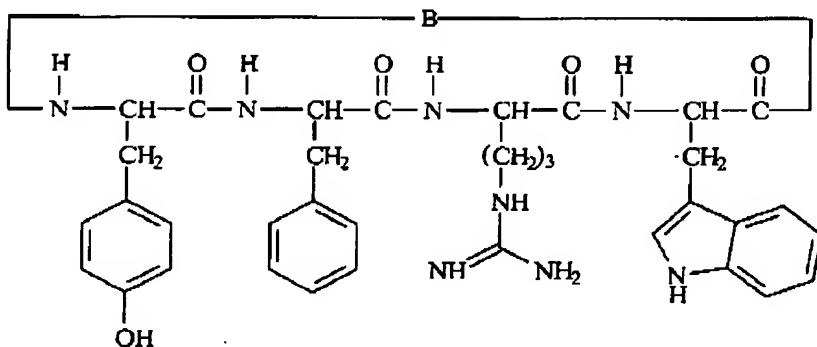
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4. (Previously Presented) A compound according to Claim 2 having the following stereochemical formula:



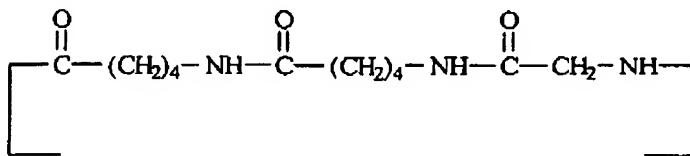
5. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising:

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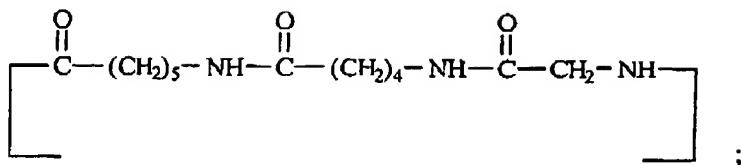
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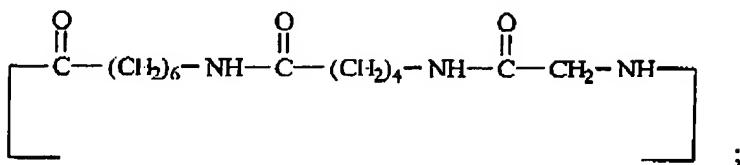


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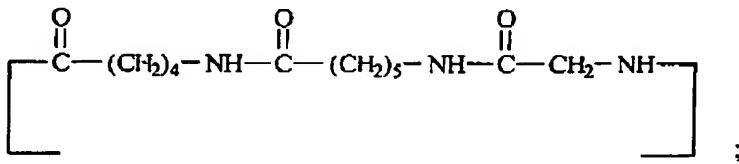
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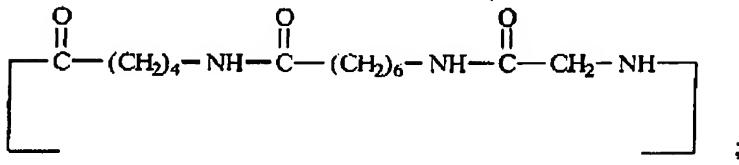
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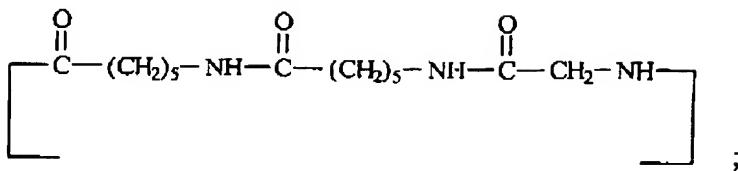


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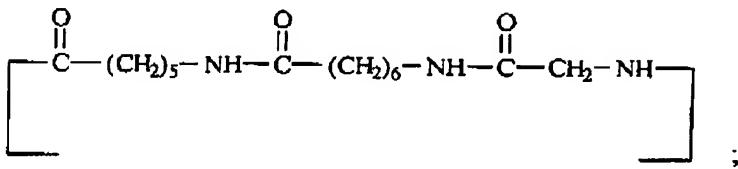


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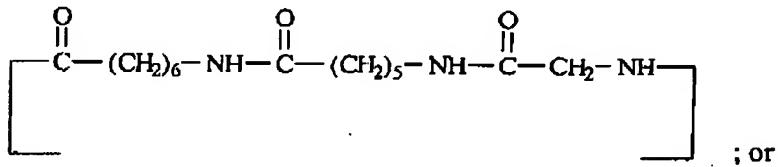
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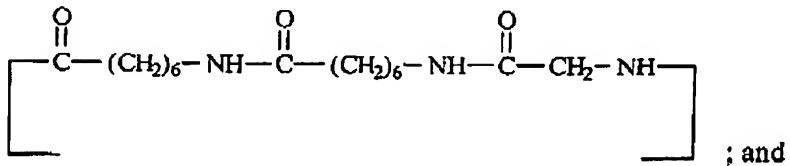
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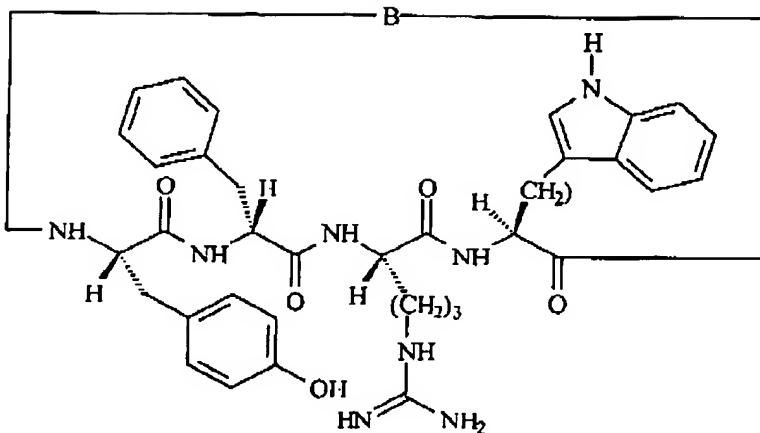
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B) one or more excipients.

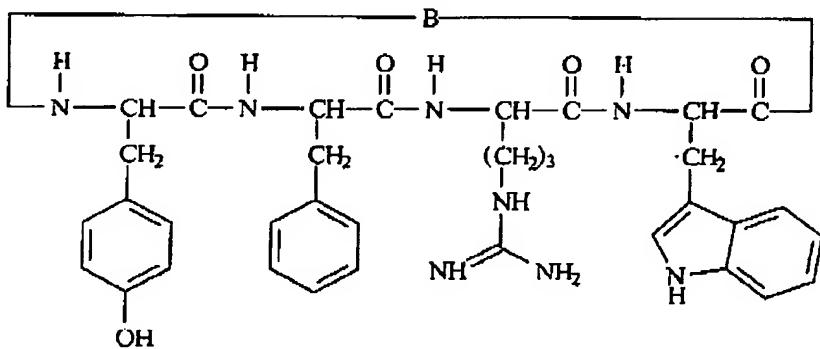
6. (Previously Presented) A composition according to Claim 5 wherein said cyclic peptides have the following stereochemical formula:

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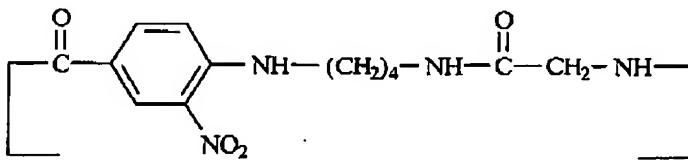
7. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising:

A) one or more cyclic peptides having the formula:



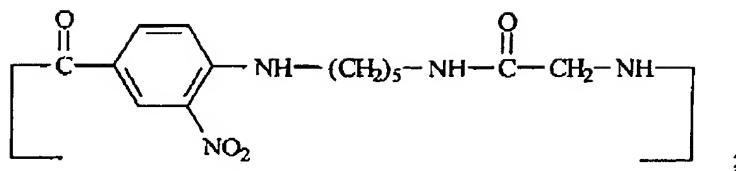
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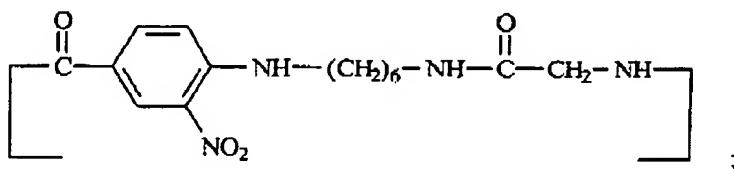


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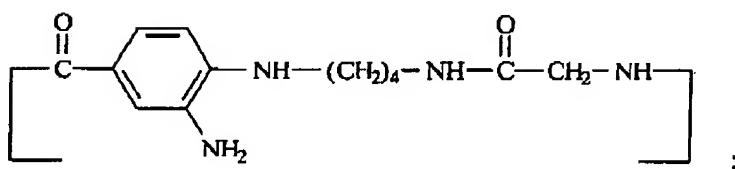
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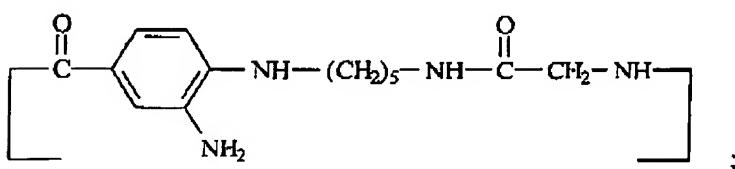
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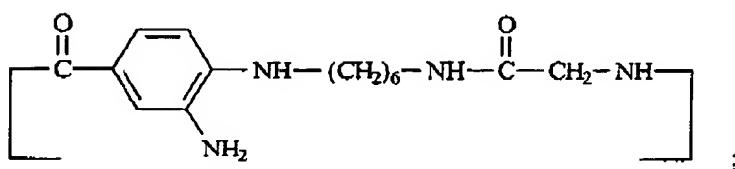
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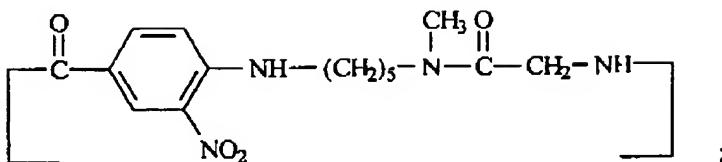


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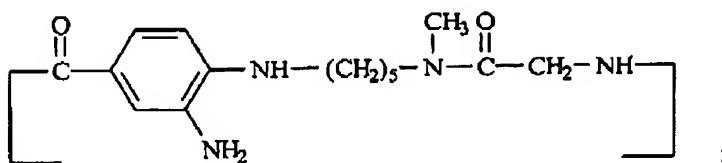


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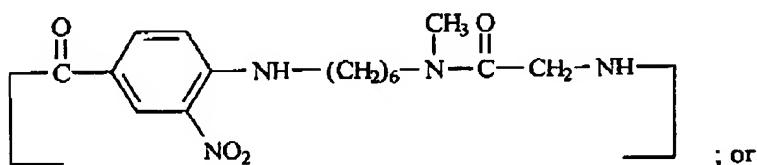
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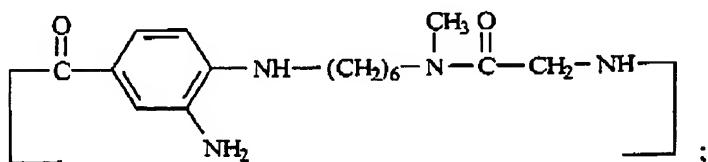
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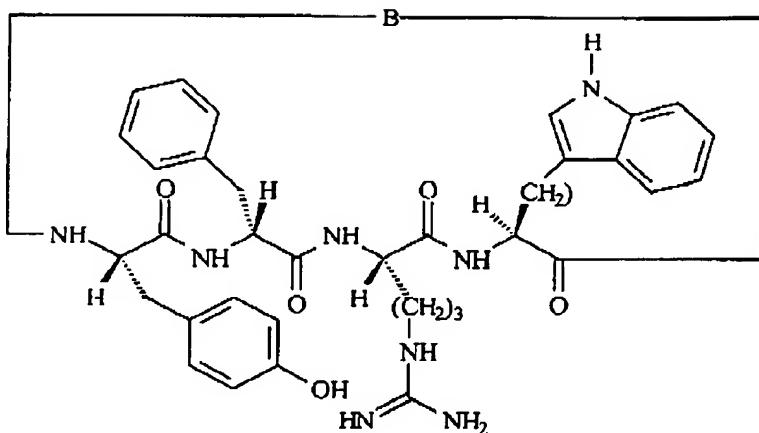
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B) one or more excipients.

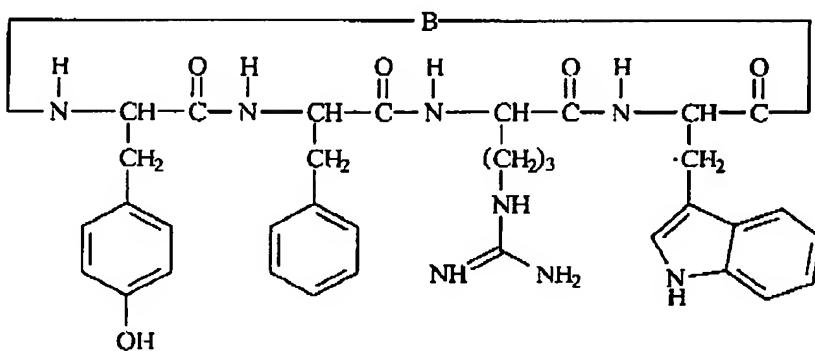
8. (Previously Presented) A composition according to Claim 7 wherein said cyclic peptides have the following stereochemical formula:

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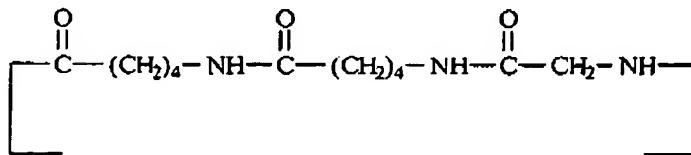
9. (Currently Amended) A method of stimulating the melanocortin-4 (MC-4) receptor in a mammal comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof a composition comprising a cyclic peptide, for a time and under conditions effective to stimulate the MC-4 MC-4 receptor, said composition comprising:

A) one or more cyclic peptides having the formula:



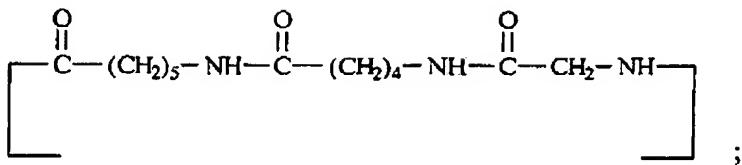
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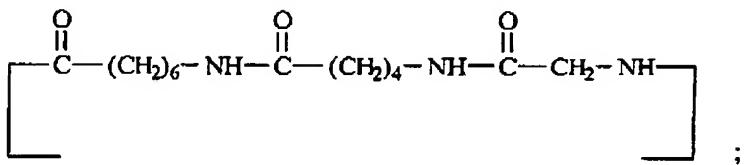


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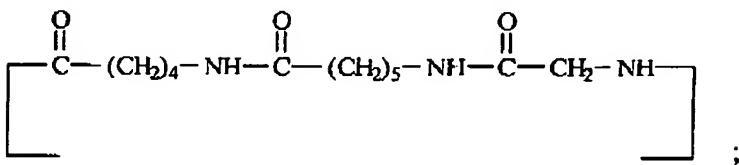
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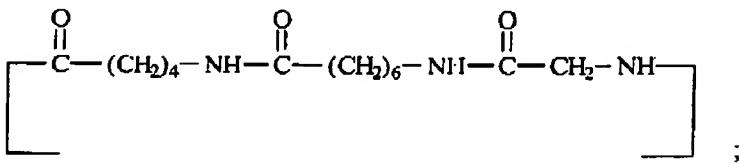
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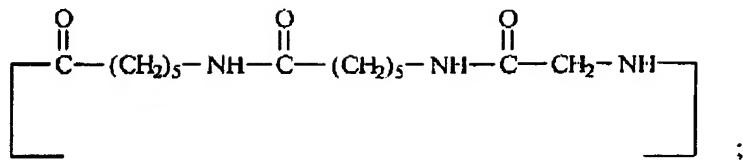


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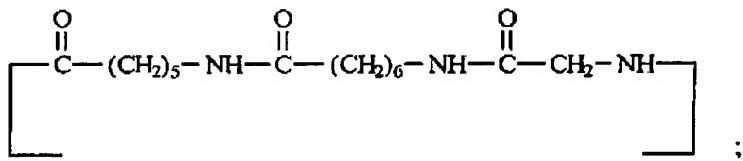


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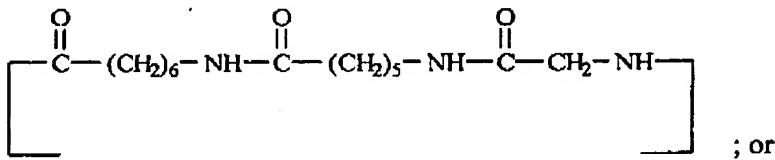
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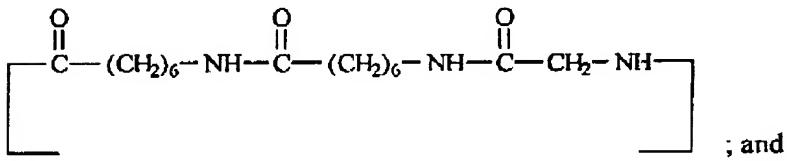
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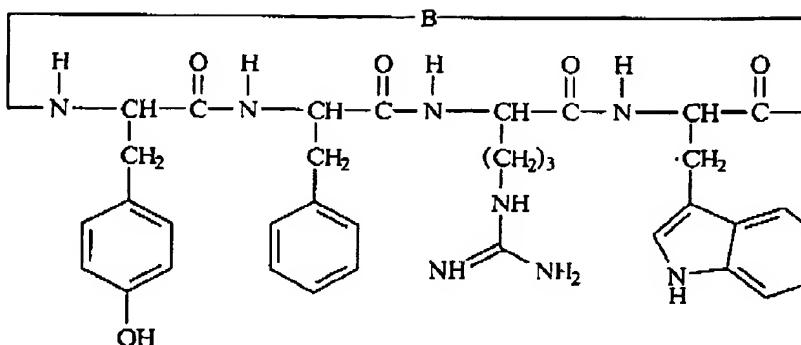


B) one or more excipients.

10. (Previously presented) A method for suppressing appetite in a human who is endeavoring to reduce caloric intake comprising administering to said human a composition comprising a cyclic peptide, for a time and under conditions effective to stimulate the melanocortin-4 receptor, said composition comprising:

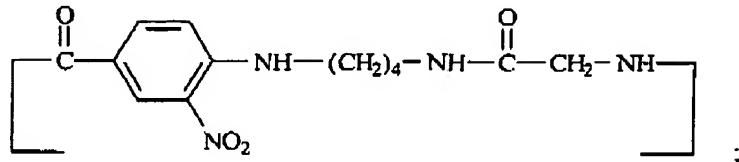
A) one or more cyclic peptides having the formula:

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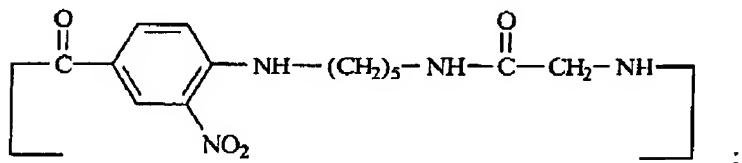


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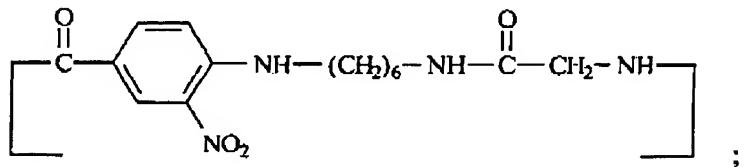
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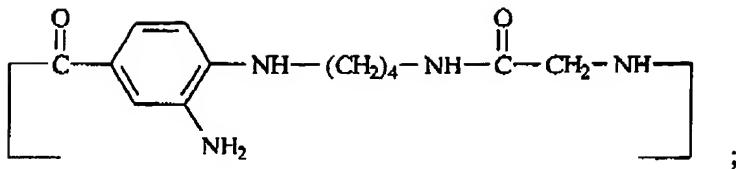


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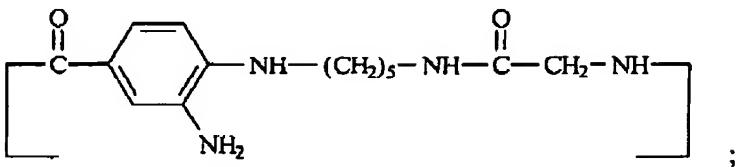


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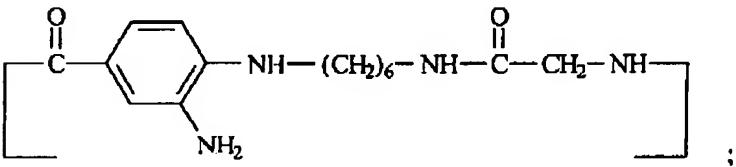
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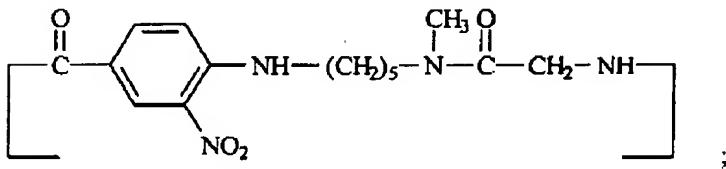
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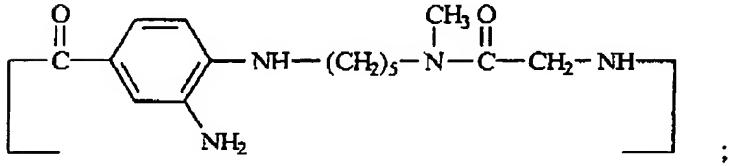
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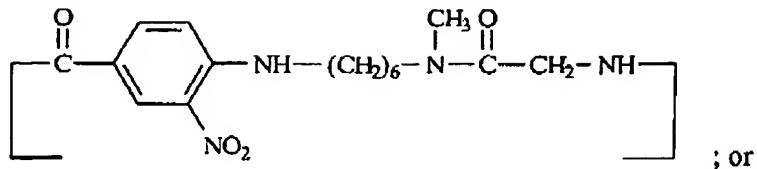


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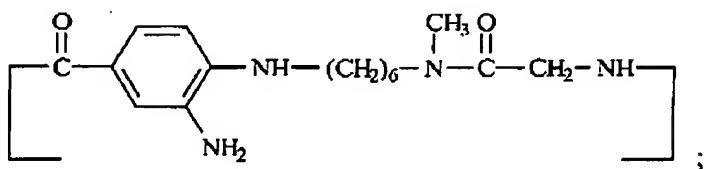
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B) one or more excipients.